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COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED ON SUBSISTENCE HUNTING OF MIGRATORY BIRDS IN ALASKA AND CANADA

The public will have until May 31, 1980, to comment on a draft environmental assessment by the Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on proposed amendments to the migratory bird treaties with Canada, Mexico, and Japan.

The assessment, which was published on March 31, describes the environmental effects of amending the treaties to allow spring and summer subsistence hunting of migratory birds in Alaska and Canada, and other alternatives for managing subsistence hunting.

The original deadline for receipt of public comments was May 12, 1980. The deadline is being extended to allow more time for review and comment by rural Alaskans.

Comments should be addressed to: Alaska Area Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99503.

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